

provided, however, that such person, or anyone in his behalf, may make a request in writing to said Superintendent, chief officer, or physician for the discharge of such person and such request shall be complied with unless said Superintendent, chief officer, or physician shall be of the opinion that the mental condition of such person requires his further detention, in which event said Superintendent, chief officer, or physician shall retain the custody of such person and shall forthwith file a petition, in accordance with Section 22 of this Article, for the purpose of having the sanity of such person determined, and if the Court shall commit such person to that or some other suitable institution, as provided by said section, he shall be confined thereafter until he shall have recovered, or shall be discharged in due course of law. The provisions of this Article relating to the discharge of recovered patients and to the payment of the expenses of maintaining persons in State institutions shall be applicable to persons entering such institutions under the provisions hereof.

Court costs incident to a proceeding under the provisions of this Section, including the fees of the jury, court stenographer and bailiffs, shall be paid by the alleged insane person in whose behalf the proceeding is instituted. If such person has no property or estate the costs shall be paid (a) by the County or Baltimore City, as the case may be, which pays or is responsible for the payment for the maintenance of said person at such institution, or (b) if neither a county nor Baltimore City pays or is responsible for the payment for the maintenance of such person, the court costs shall be paid by the county or Baltimore City in which such person had his residence prior to his confinement.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1945.

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CHAPTER 388.

(Senate Bill 257)

AN ACT to exempt men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Maritime Service and